

New Castle-Rye Bridge Project 16127

Public Advisory Committee
May 2018 Meeting



Meeting Agenda

- Update since last PAC meeting
- NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) process & transportation projects
- Next steps & schedule
- Discussion



Updates and Progress since May 2017 Meeting

Progressed NEPA and coordination with reviewing agencies

- Coordinated with and feedback from agency review - USCG,USACE, NOAA, NHDES
- Internal review draft of Environmental Assessment (NEPA) substantially complete
- Prepared multiple supporting documents assessing impacts to natural resources



Updates and Progress since May 2017 Meeting

Cultural Resources

- Multiple Coordination Meetings with NHDHR and Consulting Parties
- Prepared “Effects Forms”
- Determination of Effect completed and signed by NHDHR
- 1994 Memorandum of Agreement for replacement of Scammell Bridge in Dover important factor in consultation



New Castle-Rye and Seabrook-Hampton Bridges

- Scammell MOA stated that both New Castle-Rye and Seabrook-Hampton bridges would be preserved unless under extraordinary circumstances such as natural disaster, prohibitive cost for their rehabilitation, or severe environmental impacts caused by alternative route consideration
- Concern for loss of bascule bridge type voiced by NHDHR and Consulting Parties during New Castle-Rye consultation process
- The mitigation for removing/replacing the bridge is anticipated to be a major discussion due to the potential for loss of the bridge type in the state
- Mitigation for effects from both projects will be discussed together



New Castle-Rye and Seabrook-Hampton Bridges Moving Forward

- NHDOT will simultaneously advance Environmental Assessments (EAs) on both projects
- Seabrook-Hampton Bridge project is expected to mirror issues faced by New Castle-Rye
- Seabrook-Hampton kickoff in May 2018
- The project-related EAs are expected to be available for public review in summer 2019
- If determined projects don't result in significant environmental impacts, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued by FHWA for each project



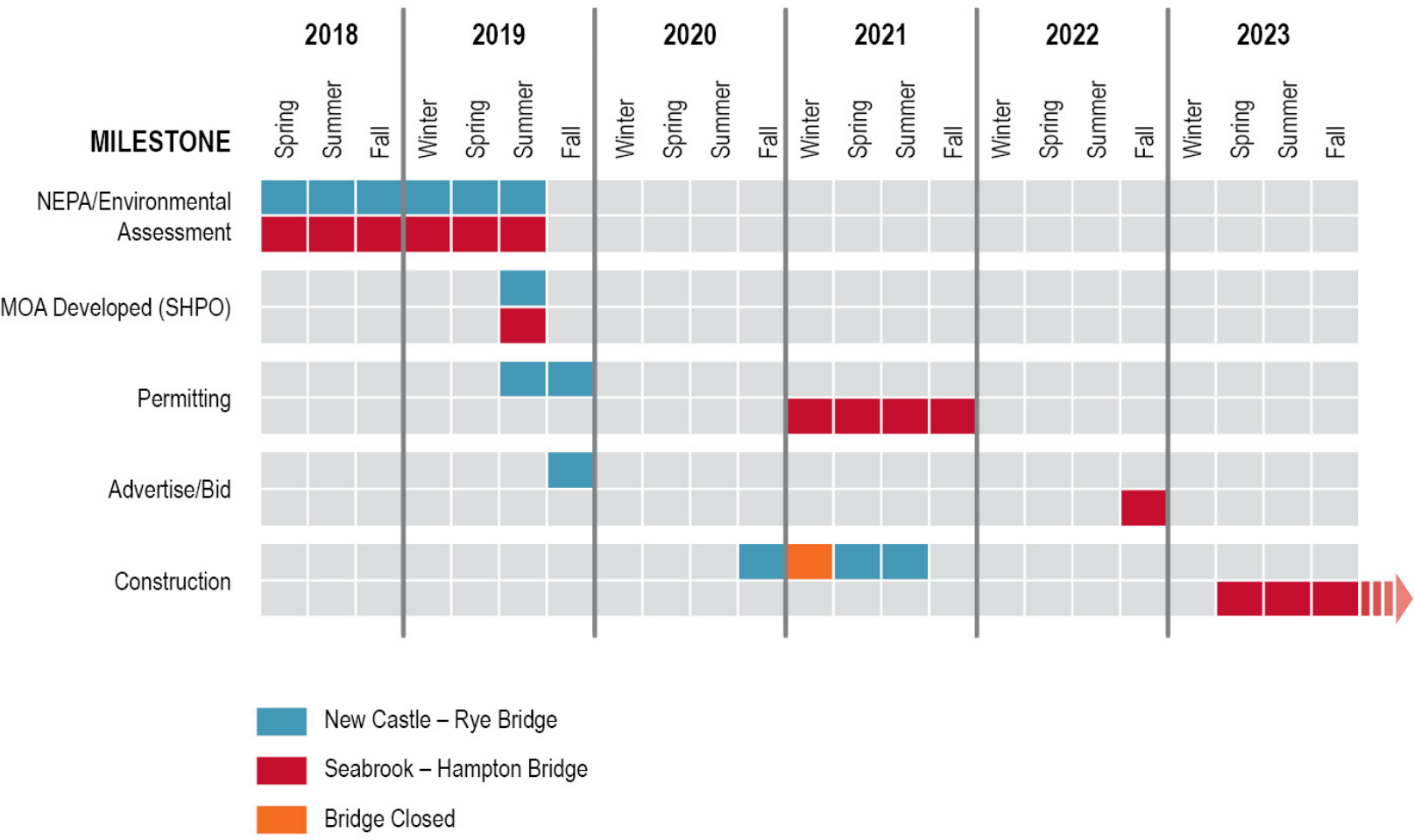
New Castle-Rye Bridge Moving Forward

- Condition assessment of New Castle-Rye Bridge performed in April 2018
- Coating systems are holding up well
- Inspections will continue at 6-month intervals
- No reduction in the bridge's load posting is anticipated



New Castle-Rye and Seabrook-Hampton Bridges Moving Forward

PROPOSED SCHEDULE





Questions and Discussion

Proposed Bridge Looking West